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DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT DR. STEWART?



Hello Trojans!

Happy November! Wow, we are so close, almost there, yet we still have a little bit to go. Stay up, fam! We are happy to share with you our monthly newsletter! This month, you will find a special feature to commemorate Native American Heritage Month. You will also find a special feature on November's Student of the Month, Suzanne! Congrats! Also, congratulations to Dr. Stewart on being appointed Director of the USC Master of Management in Library and Information Science (MMLIS) program. Check out the feature on Dr. Stewart and don't miss the cameo of his assistant Eleanor (cutie). ALA at USC wants to wish everyone a great November and a Happy Thanksgiving! Don't forget to take those naps and stay well.

FIGHT ON!

-Eileen Urrutia

ALA at USC President



SAVE THE DATE

- **11/10 NOVEMBER SOTM NOMINATIONS @ 11:59 PM PST**
- **11/13 FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP @ 6:30 PM PST**

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WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU
AND YOUR LOVED ONES A

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

SHARE WITH US WHAT YOU ARE
GRATEFUL FOR ON SOCIAL MEDIA!
#GRATEFULALAATUSC

And October's Student of the Month is...

SUZANNE SIERRA

"Suzanne is a team player. She is very good at communicating right away. Suzanne is always sharing ideas with her team and is super easy to work with. She is accountable and a hard worker." -Peer Quote

Suzanne (Zanne) Sierra is a first-semester student interested in the "concept of lifelong learning and making information accessible to all." It is no surprise that she was nominated for Student of the Month as Zanne is known by her peers as a team player, someone willing to help, and someone who encourages others. The person who most inspires her is her mother, who is the strongest person she knows.

Her favorite class in the program so far is GSBA 502 with Dr. Philadelphia and her favorite professor is Dr. Di Pilato. Zanne's short term goal is to "survive this semester and maintain [her] GPA," and is looking forward to the "new challenges that await with each new class." From the MMLIS program, she would like to learn more about management, organization, and library history. When asked about her plans after completing the program, Zanne said "This is hard to say. I'm already doing research which I love, and I know my employer doesn't want to let me go. If I do leave research, I would look into medical librarianship."

Zanne studies at her desk located in her bedroom and in her bed. Her favorite thing about autumn is the leaves changing color. "I also love watching the leaves fall to the ground. They look like little birds coming down for a landing." A fun fact she shared with us is "I have a master's in English and Arnold Schwarzenegger's signature is on my diploma." Her advice to fellow students is "never be afraid to ask questions even if you're unsure how to form the question. All my professors have responded quickly to queries and have clarified my confusion. Even in my team, when I don't understand something, they've been super helpful to figure things out."

-By Carla Hernandez

NOMINATE THE NEXT SOTM!

Click on the nominations link:

<https://forms.gle/Viu35diSTydKVzmRA>

Nomination deadline:

Nov. 10, 11:59 PM Trojan Time



Q & A with Zanne

Favorite book?

"so many to choose from... The Wild Iris by Louise Glück"

Last thing you read for fun?

"a casualty of being an English major in grad school I read multiple books at once: Faithful and Virtuous Night by Louise Glück; The Anti-Federalist Papers; Revolutionary Summer by Joseph J Ellis; and Cryptic Code of the Templars in America by Scott F. Wolter"

What song on your playlist do you replay the most?

"again too many to choose... lately I would say A Day to Re:Member by Nocturnal Bloodlust or Dream in Color by Black Lab"

What shows are you watching/streaming now?

"The Wonderland Murders; Ghost Adventure; Dead Files"

If you could vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go?

"Hawaii because I was supposed to go this summer and COVID ruined my plans"

Favorite restaurant or eatery?

"Wood Ranch they make the best rib eye"

What is your dream internship?

"The Library of Congress"



VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2020

By Jasmine Orellana

Veterans day is a federal holiday that falls on November 11th every year. The holiday itself had its roots at the end of World War 1 when combat operations ended at 11:11 on November 11th, 1918. The United States adopted the holiday originally under President Wilson as Armistice Day. The day was a celebration of veterans who served during World War 1. It wasn't until the end of World War 2 that President Dwight D. Eisenhower changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day under the Veterans Day Proclamation. The Uniform Holiday Bill of 1968 would have Veterans Day, among other American holidays, be celebrated on Mondays, giving citizens three day weekends with hopes that it would motivate them. Veterans day under the bill would be celebrated on October 25th but changed under President Gerald Ford to coincide with the original date of November 11th in which it is still celebrated today.

On behalf of the ALA at USC we would like to thank all veterans for their service and sacrifice to our nation!

CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



By Carla Hernandez

November is National Native American Heritage Month, commonly called American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. This is a time that recognizes the sacrifices, contributions, and accomplishments as well as celebrates the rich culture of the people who were the original inhabitants of the United States. National American Heritage Month originated in 1986 when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the week of November 23-30 as "American Indian Week". This continued until 1990 when President George H.W Bush proclaimed November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges. Check out the resources on the next page to learn more about Indigenous people.



WEBSITES

National Native American Heritage Month

National Congress of American Indians

American Indian Records in the National Archives

Veteran History Project featuring stories from Native Americans veterans

Resources from American Indian Library Association

VIDEOS

PBS Documentary

Standing Bear's Footsteps: The story of an Indian chief who redefined what it means to be an American.

KCET Lost LA - Borderlands Episode

ACRL Event: Promoting Black and Indigenous Voices through Outreach (Nov 9, 10 and 12)

NATIVE AMERICAN AUTHORS TO READ

Tommy Orang - citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nations of Oklahoma

Louise Erdrich - member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

Stephen Graham Jones - Blackfeet Native American

Joy Harjo - member of the Muscogee Nation

More books as recommended by BuzzFeed and Electric Lit



RESCHEDULED FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP!



**PRESENTED BY USC ALUM
ALEXANDER CARRILLO**

**NOVEMBER 13
6:30 PM TROJAN
TIME**

Please join us for a presentation on budgeting, savings and strategies on how to pay off your student loans after you graduate. No previous registration required. We hope to see you all there!

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class

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Get to know Dr. Stewart, MMLIS Director

By Nick Casarez



Earlier this past October, Christopher Stewart, was appointed as Director of the USC Master of Management in Library and Information Science (MMLIS) program. Dr. Stewart had been the previous Interim Director of the MMLIS program and is an Associate Professor of Clinical Management and Organization in the Marshall School of Business. We were lucky enough to have Dr. Stewart answer a few questions that we hope will allow you, the students of the MMLIS program, to get to know him a bit better.

What is your vision and what are your goals for the program?

"Glad you asked! We are in continual conversations with stakeholders about strategic directions for the program, and we are very excited about the future. We would like to grow enrollment modestly while adding new faculty. Recruiting new faculty from a diverse, national pool of applicants is one of my highest priorities. We are continuing our work on expanding and enhancing our curriculum and implementing methods for reviewing our courses in a systematic, program-centered way. Part of this effort includes deepening our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion to ensure diverse voices and perspectives across our curriculum and programming. We also plan on enhancing co-curricular services for students, including but not limited to internship opportunities, added resume and interview workshops, building student community, and a re-envisioned mentoring program. Finally, as the number of graduates grows across the information professions, we are looking at new ways such as virtual as well as face-to-face events to connect alums with current students as well as those who have recently completed the program."

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR FINDING A JOB, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

"Being in the MMLIS program is an opportunity to learn as much as you can about the job market before to enter it. As you do, you can further explore specific areas of the field in your courses as paper and project topics, independent study, and self-guided work. MMLIS faculty are happy to help you. Another learning activity that I highly recommend is that you become familiar with career resources such as job posting sites. Study job descriptions from sites such as ALA and CLA carefully to ensure that you are familiar with the types of skills and experience employers are looking for in today's market. So much of what you are learning in the program can be leveraged in this regard, as can your past education and work experience. Take advantage of student memberships in professional associations. These are a great way to start building career networks. Be flexible about relocating if possible."

"She's a dachshund, Jack Russel Terrier mix that we brought home from a shelter where I served as volunteer when we lived in Saint Paul, MN in 2016. I think this picture explains her far better than I can put into words. Many of you have "met" her online in LIM 500. She sends her best to you all!"



**"MY DOG/TEACHING ASSISTANT,
ELEANOR"**

For Fun, Gardening and Reading!

"For fun? If you had asked me that a few decades ago you would have gotten a much different answer! My wife and I are serious gardeners. She takes care of growing the vegetables. I take care of the landscaping. We work off a lot of the stress of the week by being outside. We were both city kids (Chicago), so living in Nebraska (my wife Claire is Dean of Libraries here at the University of Nebraska – I'm hoping for a Trojans/Huskers Rose Bowl someday!) gives us lots of opportunities for hiking, biking, and weekend road trips. I also play league tennis three times a week. I played tennis competitively when I was younger, so it's been invigorating to get back to the sport. Also, a bit humbling. I also write poetry, mainly narrative. A few years back, I published a collection "The Walmart Republic" with the extraordinarily talented poet Quraysh Ali Lansana. Books? As the joke goes, don't ever ask a librarian that question without expecting a long answer, right? I grew up in a family of seven children. We were our own book club in a way, often passing around novels. And we had lots of books in the house. My mother made sure of that. I read mostly fiction, especially novels. Since I was a kid, I always have to be reading a novel. John Steinbeck was a big influence. Depending on the volume of things that occupies other areas of reading attention, it may take me a few days, weeks, or months to finish a novel."



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